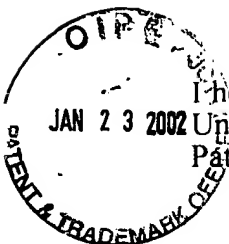


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Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time for filing the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 24, 2001, from October 24, 2001 to December 24, 2001. A check is enclosed which includes the petition fee of \$400.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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